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► Saint John Mill Rats centre Toree Morris, left, fouls Halifax Rainmen centre Calvin Brown during the first half of Thursday night's Premier Basketball League exhibition game at the Metro Centre.

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# Feds push pooled pensions

► Economic conditions are not ideal for addressing pension improvement through the CPP, because it would mean increasing premiums: Prime minister

The federal government wants the provinces to sign on to a proposal allowing small firms, employees and even the self-employed to pool resources on new, low-cost pension plans.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said expanding the CPP, something he had pushed in the past, is not an option at the moment because some provinces are opposed.

"It's a multi-jurisdictional challenge to get a consensus on CPP," Flaherty said. "It's clear we do have broad support for the private-sector solution."

But Ontario's finance minister, Dwight Duncan, condemned the decision, saying only Alberta has expressed opposition to a modest expansion of the government-backed pension system.

While he supports Flaherty's initiative, he said it is not adequate to address the serious under-savings among Canadians.

NDP Leader Jack Layton charged that lobbyists from Canada's large financial firms, who would administer the plans, had influenced the government, while Lib-



► Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

eral critic Judy Sgro accused Flaherty of taking the easy way out.

The proposal on what Flaherty called "Pooled Registered Pension Plans" will be put to the provinces at a meeting in Kananaskis, Alta., on Monday.

At the earliest, the new plans could be in place by the end of 2011, he said.

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## Home court not an advantage

The Rainmen opened their home exhibition season with a loss as they fell to the Mill Rats 91-88 before a packed Metro Centre. Story, page 42.

## Assange freed on bail

WikiLeaks founder hopes to continue his work {page 10}

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# Vandals burst skaters' bubble

► Rocky Lake Dome was three-quarters deflated following vandalism: Rink operator ► Dome was usable by evening after being shut down all day



► Jamie Straughan, left, rink operator at the Rocky Lake Dome, and Dave Caldwell of Creative Textile Solutions look at the damage caused by vandals on Thursday.

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Hockey players were back on the ice at the Rocky Lake Dome Thursday night after more than 20 incisions were cut into the vinyl sides of the rink causing it to partially deflate.

"Someone came in overnight last night and slit some holes in the side of the dome," said rink operator Jamie Straughan.

Around 8:30 a.m. Thursday, a RCMP officer ob-

served the rink partially deflated. Rink manager Gary Hines arrived about an hour later and found not only the slit to the sides but also that the power to the inflation device was turned off.

He said the dome's backup generator could not compensate for the amount of air being lost.

Straughan said all the fluorescent lights hanging from the ceiling of the dome had descended onto the ice by the morning, but nothing was broken.

## Got tips?

Halifax Regional Police are currently checking for video in the area and are interested in speaking with anyone who may have observed persons in the rink's vicinity overnight or early Thursday morning.

"It just looks ugly," he said, alluding to the vinyl patchwork.

An electrician is being brought in to conceal the dome's power switch,

which was easily accessible on the dome's exterior before Thursday.

Straughan said every hole should be fixed by sometime Friday afternoon. He said the cost of the damage is about \$7,000.

The dome does not have any sort of fencing, video surveillance or security, and that isn't about to change, said Straughan.

"It's for the kids. You want to make it as inviting as you can," he said. "It's built by the community."

## No more mercy for parkers

At least 180 tickets were given out to vehicles parked on urban streets early Thursday morning.

The overnight winter parking ban started just after midnight on Wednesday, but HRM gave motorists a break on the first night. However, Shaune MacKinlay, HRM spokeswoman, said at least 182 tickets were handed out during the second night of the ban.

MacKinlay said they know how many tickets given out by parking patrol contractors on early Thursday morning, but not how many police gave out.

Any vehicles parked on the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. are subject to a \$50 ticket. Last year, about 200 tickets were given out on the first night of the ban. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN

## Cemetery shot up with rifle

A cemetery in Middle Sackville was a shooting gallery Wednesday night as the main building and items inside were fired at repeatedly.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae says it's believed a .22-calibre rifle was the weapon used in the shooting at Oakridge Memory Gardens Cemetery on Old Sackville Road.

"They were just out there taking target practice," he said. "They targeted the windows. They targeted the building, fire extinguishers, coffee cans — all kinds of things, for whatever reason."

There have been no arrests and police are asking anyone with information to contact them or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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# Heritage Gas consumers face higher rates

► More increases coming 'but not forever': President  
► Firm expands to Bedford, Fairview, Clayton Park



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Heritage Gas was given approval Thursday to increase its rates by 6.8 per cent across the board.

The decision was made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Heritage applied for a seven per cent rate increase in August to take effect Jan. 1.

The company said in its application the increase is to "address the shortfall between its revenue and its operating and administrative expenses."

## Going up ...

► Another increase: Nova Scotia Power also recently won approval for a rate hike.

► The details: The UARB approved a 5.7 per cent hike for residential customers, also effective Jan. 1. Commercial rates will rise by 6.2 per cent while industrial rates will climb seven per cent.

Heritage Gas previously won approval for another rate hike that will also take effect Jan. 1.

Heritage Gas president

Jim Bracken said the two increases will mean about a 12 per cent hike for residential customers — from \$75 to \$80 a year.

"Even with those increases, our residential customers are still seeing 25 per cent or more in savings in the cost of using natural gas over furnace oil," Bracken said. He said the utility has more than 2,900 customers hooked up.

Three intervenors spoke at the hearing on Nov. 15: a consumer advocate and representatives from the provincial Department of Energy and Nova Scotia Power Inc.



► Capt. Brad Connors of Halifax Regional Fire walks past the tank that leaked.

# Owner to be soaked?

Department of Environment officials are investigating an oil spill at a home on Rocky Lake Drive in Bedford that leaked about 400 litres of fuel.

The eight-year-old tank, which had just been filled Thursday morning, began to leak onto the basement floor from two holes in the bottom.

Oil spilled down the driveway, onto the road and into a pond across the street.

"A small amount of oil

## Out of luck

► The man who owns the rental house said his insurance company told him his plan would not cover the oil spill and he should contact the tank's manufacturer, the CBC reports.

entered the HRM storm system and entered a small pond," said Lori Errington, communications adviser for the DoE.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services stopped the spill Thursday afternoon, said Capt. Brad Connors.

"We used our absorbent materials to contain the spill," Connors said.

Errington said the damage to the home, sidewalk and pond have yet to be determined.

She said the owner of the residence will be responsible for the oil cleanup.

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Dartmouth. Race



► Glen Race is escorted by sheriffs out of Dartmouth provincial court last month.

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## Race in court

Glen Race is back in court Friday on charges of first-degree murder in the deaths of Michael Paul Knott, 44, and Trevor Charles Brewster, 45. Race has been undergoing a mental-health assessment to determine if he is fit to stand trial.

# Liberals throw water on plan

- Water strategy is the result of more than three years of consultations
- Strategy called a 'road map' to guide government water issues

Water met fire Thursday as the provincial government released its water strategy.

The big-picture strategy drew criticism from the opposition and Ecology Action Centre.

The 30-page Water for Life document explains the importance of water in the province. There are 29 actions outlined including establishing an advisory committee, making big users of water make conservation plans, and monitor-

### Conservation

The plan suggests making big consumers of water (like Nova Scotia Power) come up with conservation plans, but it is not determined yet how it will be enforced, said an environment department spokesperson.

ing watersheds. "We all take this for granted — water —

and we're in a time that water is certainly important to all," Sterling Belliveau, the environment minister, told reporters.

But Liberal environment critic Andrew Younger said it's disappointing because it's nothing new and there are no timelines attached.

"There's no money or commitments through legislation," he said. "This is just an attempt to meet the Dec. 31 deadline imposed by legislation to have a wa-

ter strategy document done."

The Ecology Action Centre released a statement saying they applaud the idea behind it, but the document is a "missed opportunity" because there are no targets or funding support.

There was one funding announcement made — Dalhousie University will be given \$19,000 to create an inventory on Nova Scotia's 46 primary watersheds.

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► Over the life of the agreement, Convergys was eligible for a payroll rebate of \$4.8 million. It collected \$3.8 million of that.

provincial government uses to bring in jobs and staff continue to monitor their effectiveness.

Convergys opened the Cornwallis call centre in April 2004 after it signed a five-year payroll rebate with Nova Scotia Business Inc., an arm of the provincial government that aims to encourage investment.

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## Payroll tax rebates to continue: Paris

Nova Scotia's economic and rural development minister says the government will continue to use payroll tax rebates to encourage growth.

Percy Paris's comments Thursday followed news that Convergys Corp. was planning to close its call centre in Cornwallis, Annapolis Co. in March, a move that will lay off about 300 workers.

"We will continue to use payroll rebates until such time as we feel they no longer have value in attracting business to Nova Scotia," said Paris after a weekly cabinet meeting.

He said the tax rebates were only one tool the

## Teen to remain behind bars

### News in brief

#### Single-vehicle crash kills 1

**MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT.** Police say a 23-year-old man from Head of Jeddore is dead after a single-vehicle crash east of Halifax. RCMP say they responded to the scene on Highway 357 near South Road in Middle Musquodobit around 5:12 a.m. on Thursday.

Officers found the man lying on the road.

Police spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae says it appears the man, who was the lone occupant of the vehicle, was ejected in the crash. MacRae says the victim was conscious but died of his injuries while being taken to hospital. Police are investigating the cause of the accident. The victim's name has not been released. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**CAPE BRETON.** A 16-year-old Sydney youth charged with second-degree murder will remain behind bars pending his next court appearance March 9.

The male, who cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with the Dec. 3 stabbing death of a 17-year-old Glace Bay girl, whose name is also prohibited from publication.

Police were called to a home on William Street in Whitney Pier shortly after 6 p.m., where they discovered the body of the teen.

The male youth is also charged with two counts of uttering threats and two counts of assault with a weapon, a knife. The threat and assault charges do not involve the stabbing victim.

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# Health privacy bill passed in N.S.

► Health minister snubs idea journalists could face fines of jail time over legislations

Nova Scotia legislation that aims to protect personal health records but also raises fears that it's too restrictive on the media has passed.

Fred Vallance-Jones, a journalism professor at the University of King's College, has said the law could see journalists face fines of up to \$10,000 or six months in jail if they seek information from hospital officials when patients haven't given permission to release information about their status.

He said, for example, a reporter asking a nurse in a hospital hallway whether the premier broke his leg might end up breaking the law.

The opposition Liberals and Conservatives agreed with his objections and raised them during third reading of the bill last Thursday, but still voted for it.

NDP Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says her legal counsel doesn't believe the legislation will be used to prosecute journalists. She says the intent is simply to protect privacy rather than restrict reporting on the health-care system.

"I had an opportunity to discuss the concerns with



► Maureen MacDonald

#### Law of secrecy

Liberal health critic Diana Whalen told the legislature last week that wording poses a risk to journalists.

► "The media feel very strongly, and I have to agree, that they can't be threatened with fines for simply asking for information," she said during the bill's final reading. "The way the act is written now ... implies that if you even ask for information, you are breaking the law."

legal counsel and the interpretation the professor gave to this bill isn't the interpretation we have in this department," she said. "It isn't intended to prevent journalists from doing their work." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Province considers selling 3 resorts

The province is considering several options — including the possible sale — of three resorts it owns.

The management contract with New Castle Hotels for Digby Pines, Keltic Lodge and Liscombe Lodge expires in January 2012.

Tourism Minister Percy Paris says all three properties are in need of major repairs that could cost as much as \$22 million.

Paris says they are significant economic and em-

## Emera to buy Maine & Maritimes Corp.

Power and pipeline company Emera Inc. says it has received approval from regulators for the acquisition of Maine & Maritimes Corp., valued at \$75.7 million US in cash.

The Halifax-based com-

#### Other purchases

► This month, Emera expanded its presence in the Caribbean by buying a majority stake in Grand Bahama Power Company Ltd. for \$82 million.

pany that owns Nova Scotia Power Inc. said the agreement, originally announced in March, has been granted the last required approval by the

U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The transaction is expected to close around Dec. 21.

Maine & Maritimes is the parent company of Maine Public Service and serves about 36,000 customers in Northern Maine.

Emera has said the purchase will boost its presence in the state, where it bought Bangor Hydro Electric Company in 2001.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Police look for witness

Police are searching for a witness to an impaired driving complaint on Tuesday.

Halifax Regional Police say they received a call about an impaired driver from the Irving Gas Station on Old Sambro Road.

Police say staff said a female entered the store, reporting an impaired driver.

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# WikiLeaks founder released on bail

► Assange heads to English country mansion ► Could potentially publish more leaked U.S. diplomatic cables

The once-elusive WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was freed on bail Thursday as Sweden pushes its case for extradition and the United States considers its own criminal charges over his website's release of secret information.

The silver-haired Australian emerged from London's neo-Gothic High Court building after a tense scramble to gather the money and signatures needed to free him.

Assange — who's been out of the public eye for more than a month — told supporters he would pursue his efforts to bring government secrets to light.

"It's great to smell the fresh air of London again," he said to cheers from outside the court. "I hope to continue my work."

Assange is now headed to Ellingham Hall, a 10-bedroom mansion about 195 kilometres northeast of central London that belongs to Vaughan Smith, a WikiLeaks supporter and founder of London's Frontline Club for journalists.

Assange will have to observe a curfew, wear an electronic tag and report to police every day — restrictions imposed by High Court Justice Duncan Ouseley.

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## Accusations

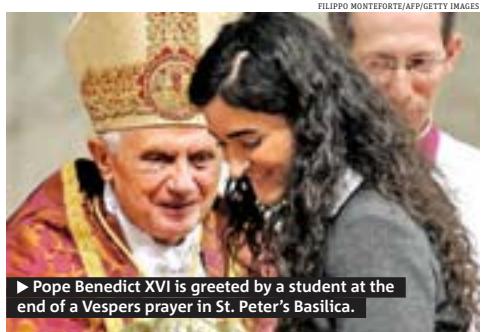
Assange is accused of rape, molestation and unlawful coercion.

- Assange's lawyers say the allegations stem from a dispute over "consensual but unprotected sex."
- Lawyer Gemma Lindfield, acting for Sweden, said given Assange's nomadic lifestyle, there was "a real risk" he would flee.
- But the judge said when Assange arrived in Britain, he had asked his lawyers to contact police so they would know where he was.



► WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange holds up a court document for the media after he was released on bail outside the High Court in London, Thursday.

# Persecution a threat to world peace: Pope



► Pope Benedict XVI is greeted by a student at the end of a Vespers prayer in St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Benedict XVI said Thursday that Christians suffer more religious persecution than any other group, denouncing lack of freedom of worship as an "intolerable" threat to world security.

The message reflected a pressing concern by Benedict in recent months for the plight of Christian minorities in parts of the world, especially in the Middle East.

"Sadly, the year now

ending has again been marked by persecution, discrimination, terrible acts of violence and religious intolerance," Benedict said in the message for World Peace Day, celebrated by the church on Jan. 1, but released in advance.

He wrote that he was especially thinking of Iraq, "which continues to be a theatre of violence and strife" as it aims for stability and reconciliation.

Benedict singled out the

"reprehensible attack" on a Baghdad cathedral during Mass in October, killing two priests and more than 50 other worshippers, as well as attacks on private homes that "spread fear within the Christian community and (create) a desire on the part of many to emigrate in search of a better life."

He asked authorities to "act promptly to end every injustice" against Christians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Israel's view

- Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor sympathized with the Pope: "The Christian presence is a blessing in Israel, and so it should be considered by other countries regarding their own Christian populations."
- About 123,000 Christians live in Israel, while another 50,000 live in the West Bank and Gaza.

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► Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, at his Stornoway residence in Ottawa.

# Canadians ready for an election: Ignatieff

Change in Liberal leader's message suggests the days of the party rolling over on confidence votes just to avoid an election are over

Michael Ignatieff says Canadians are ready for an election.

And he says the Liberal party is ready, too, despite public-opinion polls that suggest the Grits are hovering around 30 per cent — slightly behind the Conservatives and far from the support levels needed to win a majority.

"We are ready for an election and we think Canadians are ready for an election," the Liberal

leader told The Canadian Press in a year-end interview on Thursday.

Over the last two years, Ignatieff has repeatedly justified having Liberals prop up Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority government by stressing that Canadians don't want an election.

But Ignatieff said he changed his mind after hearing from thousands of Canadians during a summer-long, cross-country

## Budget woes

- Ignatieff stopped short of saying Liberals will deliberately try to pull the plug on the government over its next budget, expected in February or March.
- But he held out little hope it will contain measures needed to win Liberal support, such as a roll back of corporate tax cuts, a halt to the fighter jet purchase and investment in family care.

bus tour and a series of "Open Mike" townhalls throughout the fall. He said Canadians are no longer saying they want to "avoid an election at all costs."

"In fact, what I'm hearing and I heard all summer long — and I'm not making this up — was, 'Get rid of the guy' ... There's a lot of impatience, anger and disappointment at this government."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Robbers disguised in dresses

Three men who robbed an Ontario jewelry store in women's clothing are being sought by Waterloo Regional Police.

Police say the suspects walked to the back of the Kitchener,

Ont., store, smashed display cases and removed an undisclosed amount of jewelry.

A 34-second security video released Thursday shows the three emptying the contents of broken display cases into a handbag and a wheeled suitcase. The suspects were wearing dresses and head scarves that covered their faces and bodies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Journalists give info context: AP chief

Governments around the world still cling to secrets and, despite citizen journalism or WikiLeaks document dumps, the mainstream media play a

critical role in ferreting out that info and giving it context, the top Associated Press editor said Thursday.

Kathleen Carroll said AP reporters have used 1,500 state and federal public records requests each of the past two years to obtain facts such as how many airliners had struck birds in the aftermath of the US Airways crash-landing in the Hudson River. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## FBI profiling Ontario woman's murderer

Police say the "cold-blooded killer" responsible for the slaying of an Ontario nurse may have moved away from the community or at least kept to himself following the crime.

Provincial police called on the FBI to help shape a suspect profile in the case of slain Orangeville woman Sonia Varaschin.

The 42-year-old nurse was reported missing in August and her body was found in a wooded area a few days later.

Ontario Provincial Police Det.-Insp. Mark Pritchard called the killer cold blooded and says the area where the body was found would have been known to him. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Sonia Varaschin

The killer may have increased his alcohol or drug use and likely shied away from others after the crime, Pritchard said Thursday, adding investigators have received some 460 tips from the public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Years later, will a cheque be in the mail?

- Canada Post and union take fight to Supreme Court
- Pay equity dispute has spanned a generation

It's a legal fight that has spanned a generation, and now the Supreme Court of Canada has decided to settle the landmark \$150-million pay equity dispute between Canada Post and its union.

The court will hear the case that has ensnared the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Canada Post and the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. The Supreme Court gave no reasons Thursday for granting leave to appeal.

PSAC claimed in August, 1983, that women were being discriminated against under the Canadian Human Rights Act because they made less than men

## 410

**The complex case relied on more than a decade of human rights hearings — some 410 working days between 1992 and 2003 — and featured complicated number crunching that compared work done by men and women.**

in comparable jobs.

The tribunal compared wages between 6,000 current and former mainly female clerical staff and the predominantly male

postal operations group.

After more than a decade of hearings, the tribunal ruled in 2005 that Canada Post had violated the act and awarded back pay and interest of about \$150 million.

But this year the Federal Court of Appeal set aside the tribunal's decision, saying the tribunal's finding of discrimination could not be supported.

"The case is profoundly important because it deals with underlying pay equity principles in the federal jurisdiction that have cried out for guidance for some time," said the union's lawyer, Andrew Raven.

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# Extremist site praises refugee's mask technique

- ▶ Some members discuss using the plastic explosive Semtex to travel undetected through airport scanners

The young Chinese asylum seeker who boarded a plane for Canada disguised as an elderly white man has drawn the attention of visitors to an extremist Islamic website, who have praised the elaborate plan as a potential tactic.

as a potential tactic. Shumukh al-Islam, an al-Qaida affiliated website meaning Islamic Honour, has an ongoing Arabic-language discussion on the young man's entry into Canada that cites the details of his arrival here.

A forum on the site praised the idea as a tool for "holy warriors."

"This is a great idea that can benefit the mujahedeen," one member, with the name Attique of

the North, wrote after the discussion began on Shumukh al-Islam last Tuesday.

The website has seen an increase in comments on Canadian issues recently, particularly on the tensions between Canada and the United Arab Emirates.

The website further criticizes Canada's military presence in Afghanistan and the site operators call the Emirates a "traitor" for hosting the Canada military.

Although the Canadian Forces base in the Gulf emirate of Dubai has been in place since 2001, at the request of the Emirates the base remained a secret location.

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## Security breach

Both the Canada Border Services Agency and Transport Canada have declined to say whether Air Canada or any employees have been reprimanded in the Chinese migrant case.

**Extremist sites** are accessible in Canada, but security officials say intelligence agencies closely monitor their activities.

**Graham Fuller**, a 20-year veteran of the CIA with most of his experience in the Arab world, said Canada is increasingly getting the unwanted attention of extremists.

Free Tibet



► Students lock arms before being detained by Indian police as they protest outside the venue of a speech by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in New Delhi, India, Thursday.

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# Tibetans protest Chinese visit

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao is on a three-day trip to India aimed at building trust and strengthening economic links. The premier is calling for greater co-operation and friendship with India, brushing over lingering economic and political tensions that mar the relationship between the two rising Asia powers.

## Turkish officers on trial

About 200 active and retired Turkish military officers, including former chiefs of the air force as well as dozens of generals and admirals, went on trial

Thursday on charges of plotting to overthrow the Islamic-rooted government in 2003. The military has denied such a plot.

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The advertisement features the Ashley Furniture logo at the top left. The main title 'holiday Bonus buys' is written in large, stylized red letters. Below the title is a photograph of a living room set consisting of a sofa, a loveseat, a coffee table, and two end tables. To the left of the main image is a smaller inset showing a matching armchair and ottoman. Text on the left side of the page reads 'Bonus Furniture with purchase of a 5 piece room group' and 'Bonus Matching Chair with purchase of the 5-piece room group. Ottoman sold separately.' Below the main image, a large promotional offer is displayed: 'Buy the 5 Piece Living Room for only \$1529.97 ASHLEY DIRECT PRICE'. The offer includes 'Phoenix Redwood Sofa, Loveseat, Cocktail Table & 2 End Tables'. At the bottom, a large '12 MONTHS NO PAYMENTS\*' offer is shown. The bottom left contains the store address '165 Chain Lake Dr (Bayers Lake) Halifax, NS' and the phone number '902.450.7007'. The bottom right features a small map of the store's location. The bottom center contains fine print about the promotional offer terms.



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# Court blasts Ireland on abortion

► Procedure has been in legal limbo for 18 years ► Irish women travel overseas for terminations



West Africa. Unrest

## At the brink of civil war?

Gunfire and explosions shook Ivory Coast's main city Thursday as supporters and security forces loyal to the two men claiming to be president clashed in the streets, killing at least 15 people.

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Ireland's constitutional ban on abortion violates pregnant women's right to receive proper medical care in life-threatening cases, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Thursday, harshly criticizing Ireland's long inaction on the issue.

The Strasbourg, France-based court ruled that a pregnant woman fighting cancer should have been allowed to get an abortion in Ireland in 2005 rather than being forced to go to Eng-

**"What's at stake in this debate is the value of life. The sad experience is that once laws permitting abortion are introduced, they diminish the society's respect for the inherent value of every human life, born or unborn."**

WILLIAM BINCHY, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN LAW PROFESSOR

land for the procedure. The judgment put pressure on Ireland to draft a law extending abortion rights to women whose pregnancies represent a potentially fatal threat to their own health.

Ireland has resisted doing so despite a 1992 judgment from the Irish Supreme Court that said Ireland should provide abortions when a woman's life is endangered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Carmel Stewart, lawyer for three women victims of restrictions on abortion in Ireland

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# Wind Mobile gets down to business

► Wireless company wants to be fourth-largest carrier

New wireless company Wind Mobile plans to expand its network and go after small business customers in 2011 as it continues its plans to expand nationally, its chairman said Thursday.

Wind Mobile has been up and running for a year now, with its network running in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa.

"We're going to be offering a wireless bundle,

which includes, of course, the Internet and all of the hosting services — their office Internet and their (businesses) office phone services — in addition to mobile," said Anthony Lacavera, chairman of Wind Mobile.

He noted the "big guys" like Rogers, Bell and Telus are in the business market as well. Lacavera will be able to go after these customers through parent company Globalive's

OneConnect, which offers IP and telecommunications services and has more than 6,000 small and medium-sized business customers.

Wind is planning to expand in southern and southwestern Ontario as well as broadening its existing network. New markets like Halifax, Winnipeg and St. Catharines eventually will be added to the network, he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Paris tries electric car-share program

After its successful bike-sharing program, Paris is preparing to lend out 3,000 electric cars to fight air pollution. City officials on Thursday chose a bid by French billionaire entrepreneur Vincent Bolloré to run Autolib', modelled on Paris' successful three-year-old bicycle-sharing program, Vélib'.

The service will begin by the end of 2011. Tourists will be able to use the service as long as they have a driver's licence recognized in France, meaning U.S. and European visitors should have no problem signing up.

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## Europe's debt weighs on TSX

The Canadian dollar lost ground to its U.S. counterpart Thursday amid nervousness about Europe's sovereign debt problems. Risk aversion drove investors to the perceived safe haven of the U.S. dollar, which further weakened commodities and other currencies.

The Toronto stock market also was lower Thursday as commodities prices fell back amid a higher U.S. dollar and worries that Europe's sovereign debt problems could hurt demand for resources.

A warning from Moody's Investor Services that it may downgrade Spain's public debt put Europe's debt crisis back to the forefront of investors' concerns. Following Tuesday's similar warning on Belgium from rival agency Standard & Poor's, investors are again nervous

### Market moment

TSX	Dollar
-47.84 (13,181.23)	-0.19¢ (99.41¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas
-92¢ US (\$87.70 US)	\$4.048 (-17.4¢) Gold contracts \$1,371.00 (-\$15.20)

that the debt crisis will spread, particularly to Spain, following bailouts of Greece and Ireland.

Lower commodity prices helped weaken the Canadian currency as oil prices fell below \$88 US a barrel. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# RIM rises above profit estimates

► Subscriber growth below expectation of 5.2 million

Canada's biggest technology company topped analysts' forecasts for its third-quarter profit, but missed expectations on subscriber growth, prompting shares in Research In Motion Ltd. to bounce around in late trading Thursday.

Earnings per share of \$1.74 US easily exceeded the consensus analyst forecast of \$1.65 on strong demand in North America and internationally for the Waterloo-

based company's BlackBerry Curve and touchscreen Torch smartphone devices. Net income for the third quarter climbed to \$911.1 million from \$628.4 million, or \$1.10 cents a share, a year earlier.

Sales rose 40 per cent year-over-year to \$5.49 billion, in line with expectations as the "BlackBerry continues to take off around the world," RIM co-chief executive Jim Balsillie told reporters in a

conference call.

A marketing campaign in the U.S. and an improved BlackBerry 6 operating system drove strong Torch sales in the quarter, but RIM continues to lose customers to Apple Inc.'s iPhone.

RIM is offering less-expensive devices internationally to ease the loss of market share to the iPhone and handsets based on Google Inc.'s Android software.

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## U.S. economy



► Jesse Paloger stands on Wall Street hoping to find a job in New York.

## JOBLESS CLAIMS DROP FOR 3RD WEEK

Fewer people applied for unemployment benefits in the United States last week, the third drop in the past four weeks and a sign the job market is improving.

Weekly claims for jobless aid dipped by 3,000 to 420,000 in the week ending Dec. 11, the U.S.

Labour Department said Thursday.

The four-week average of claims, a less-volatile measure, fell for the sixth straight week to 422,750. That's the lowest since August 2008, just before the financial crisis intensified with the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Weekly first-time applications below 425,000 tend to signal modest job growth. But economists say applications would need to dip consistently to 375,000 or below to indicate a significant decline in unemployment.

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## Recall not for Canada

Honda says a global recall of 1.35 million Fit subcompact cars that have defective headlight wiring does not include Canadian cars.

The Canadian model has a different wiring system in order to comply with laws that require daytime running lights.

Honda said Thursday it would recall 143,000 cars in the U.S. and 734,000 cars in Japan, with the Japanese recall costing around \$42.8 million US.

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## Bing gets help from its friends

Microsoft Corp. is hoping its Bing search engine can gain more ground on Google with a little more help from Facebook and its other Internet friends.

As part of a major upgrade announced Wednesday, Bing will feature more recommendations and other info from people's social circles on Facebook to help distinguish its results from Google's.

Bing also is teaming up

**12%** Google Inc. opened November with a 66 per cent share of the U.S. search market while Bing remained a distant third at just under 12 per cent.

with several other companies to make it easier to complete a variety of tasks, such as buying tickets to a sporting event or making reservations at a restaurant, on its site. The changes, which will appear over the next few weeks, are unlikely to shift the balance of power in the search market anytime soon.

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► Andre Levingston

## 5 MINUTES WITH: **N**

**He's the face of the Halifax Rainmen, so, obviously, a conversation with Andre Levingston will focus on basketball. But the Premier Basketball League club's owner also talks fashion with Metro Halifax — as Levingston is known for being one well-dressed man.**

**The team is gearing up for its fourth season. Are you where you want to be as an organization?**

We are still a work-in-progress. We are working extremely hard to make sure we do things better every year. So I'm never satisfied. There are always

things we can do better.

**The league is welcoming a second Maritime team this season. Do you think there is room for more expansion in the Maritimes?**

The Maritimes and all of Canada — period. I think Canada is unique and has a lot to offer, more so than the U.S. for basketball at this level. And, definitely, Halifax has more to offer than any market in North America, to be totally honest.

**If you could have any professional basketball player — including NBA — on your roster,**

**who would you pick?**

Kobe Bryant. He's the best player in the world. He's a winner, his work ethic is incredible and he's never, ever satisfied.

**How many suits do you own and what is your most expensive one?**

My most expensive is about \$2,000 and I probably have 15 suits or so.

**Now you're a pretty stylin' guy. How do you think Halifax is doing? Are we getting better?**

(Laughs) Now you're trying to get me in trouble. Halifax has style — everybody

has their own style. Believe it or not, I like dressing down. My suits are just my uniform.

**You played NCAA basketball. Are you going to surprise us one day and don a Rainmen uniform?**

Absolutely not — those days are over. I laced up and practised with my guys once last year and regret it to this day.

**Will we ever see you as team owner also become the coach?**

I would say no, but never say never.

● PHILIP CROUCHER

### Cartoon



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### Letters & Tweets

*Re: Tired of the entire giving process (Dec. 15)*

**HALIFAX.** At the risk of sounding like you, I am trying really hard to say something constructive about your completely arrogant and ignorant article. I couldn't believe what I was reading.

Of all the bloodsucking corporations or annoying media coverage about Brad Pitt or Miley Cyrus smoking bongs, charities are obviously the most horrible annoyance of them in your opinion. This may surprise you, but these "charitable panhandlers" and charities work very hard to try to give something back to

### Bah, humbug!



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those who are in need.

The true ignorance portrayed in your article comes from the fact that you make the charities seem as if they do nothing for anyone, including yourself.

If you do charity work, what would your fellow charity workers feel like if they read your article? Shame on you for using

the amazing gift you've been given to write and be heard, and use it to speak poorly of those that we all need the most, especially this time of year.

A more appropriate article might have been "Why are charity donations down this year, and why people are too greedy to help?"

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#### Dorothy Coles

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► Actor couldn't turn down the chance to work with the legendary Coen Brothers in True Grit  
 ► Loved the opportunity to film a movie with 'The Dude' Jeff Bridges



► Canadian actor Barry Pepper plays the villain Lucky Ned Pepper in True Grit.

# Pepper enjoys playing bad guys

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After first grabbing attention in Saving Private Ryan 12 years ago, Canadian actor Barry Pepper has quietly cultivated a career of guys' movies, including We Were Soldiers, Flags of Our Fathers and his latest, the Coen brothers' take on True Grit. But he sweats the testosterone-heavy résumé wasn't by design. Pepper sat down with Metro to talk about honour among

thieves, turning 40 with The Dude and getting his mouth around that Coen brother dialogue.

**You seem to do a lot of westerns and war films, movies with male camaraderie at the core. Is that intentional?**

No, there's no conscious sort of rhyme or reason to it. This time it was just, "Would you like the opportunity to work with the Coen brothers?" Yeah, absolutely. Just recently my agent called and said, "Terrence Malick would like you to be in his next

movie." It's like, "Great. Where do I send the check?" There are certain legendary directors like that — and the Coen brothers are in that pantheon — that you just would do anything for. They're in everyone's sort of Top 10, on every actor's wish list of must-work-with filmmakers.

**Your character, Lucky Ned Pepper, is one of the film's bad guys, but he's sort of an honourable villain.**  
He has sort of this fair-play sense of justice. I think too,

back then, it was a simpler Old Testament, eye-for-an-eye world, and there was a simpler sort of code, you know? Westerns tend to overemphasize the ruthlessness of the Old West, but many people were sort of raised and schooled on the King James bible. And that's also why they talked the way they did, I think.

**A lot of the dialogue comes straight from the novel, but it feels like something the Coen brothers could have written, doesn't it?**

It really does, because a lot

of their films really have that quality, don't they? They really create their own world with the language that they use. And you go, "Wow, that's really an oddball choice of words." And yet somehow it works for them. It's like music.

**How was working with Jeff Bridges?**

For me he'll always and forever be The Dude because that's who he is. He brings a joy to a film set — or really everywhere he goes. People just enjoy being around him.



News in brief



Mel Gibson's next movie finally has a release date. Summit Entertainment announced Wednesday that Gibson's comic drama The Beaver will open in limited release next March 23 and expand to more theatres on April 8. The film has been in limbo amid Gibson's custody battle with ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, who claims he physically abused her. The Beaver is directed by Jodie Foster and stars Gibson as a troubled family man trying to cope with help from an unusual friend — a beaver puppet he wears on his hand.

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# Stiller, De Niro understand difficult in-laws

► Third in the Meet the Parents franchise, Little Fockers, shows how the characters' relationship has grown

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Intensely private but insanely famous actors like Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller tend to greet any question about their private lives with some trepidation, but each has a few solid nuggets of wisdom to offer when it comes to dealing with in-laws.

After all, in addition to each of them being a father-in-law and a son-in-law in real life respectively, the two just had their third go-around for the Meet the Parents franchise, Little Fockers,

which is built on the difficulty of maintaining the in-law bonds.

"I haven't told this to my children, but I would if I could think of it," De Niro confesses. "Just look at the parents of the person you're with or interested in and know that you're not only getting into it with them, but also how they behave, how they are and how you have to interact with them for hopefully the rest of your life."

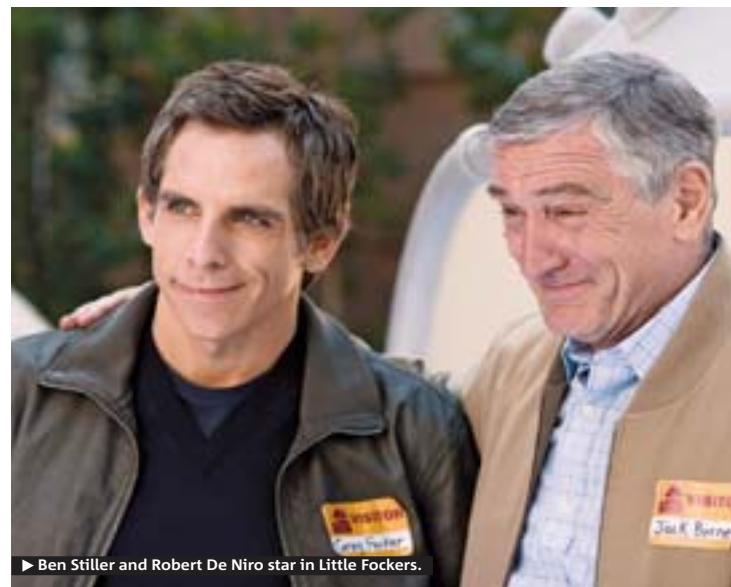
"You're not just marrying the person — you're attaching yourself to the family for better or worse."

Stiller, too, as a son-in-

law, notes the ever-tenuous relationship with in-laws that must always be maintained.

"I try to be my best possible self with my father-in-law and I think I'm OK at it but it's definitely one of those relationships where you're aware that the relationship is there, but we're pretty friendly," he says. "I think if you're a good husband, that makes you a good son-in-law."

As for on-screen roles, the two have managed to keep their on-screen dynamic fresh, considering that Little Fockers takes place once Stiller's character and his wife have had twins. Though Greg Gay-



► Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro star in Little Fockers.

lord Focker (Stiller) seems to have had a few years of being on solid ground with his demanding father-in-law, taciturn ex-FBI agent Jack Byrnes (De Niro) we rejoin the legendary 'circle of trust' might be broken.

"I felt like (it was exciting) to see Jack and Greg's relationship evolve to where Greg's gotten to the point where he's a little more confident in himself and then having to deal with this situation of Jack losing confidence in him and how he reacts

differently," Stiller says.

De Niro adds that in contrast to dramatic roles, working on Little Fockers was a chance to loosen up.

"When you're doing comedy I have less restrictions or constrictions," he says. "There's just more room for having fun."

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When English boxer Bruno Frank said "Boxing is just show business with blood," he was onto something. Ever since 1937's *Kid Galahad* had entertained depression era audiences, there has been a steady flow of films set inside the square circle. For generations audiences have flocked to the intersection of show biz and blood — the movie theatre — to see films like *Gentleman Jim*, *Million Dollar Baby* and, of course, *Rocky*.

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Wahlberg adds to that list when he stars as pugilist Micky Ward in *The Fighter*, joining a long line of actors who have strapped on gloves to play real life boxers.

In Resurrecting the Champ, a sports writer thinks a homeless man (Samuel L. Jackson) might actually be a down-on-his-luck boxing legend. Loosely based on the story of Bob Satterfield, a fighter ranked in Ring magazine's list of 100 greatest punchers of all time, it takes some liberties with the real story but makes up for inaccuracies with a great performance from Jackson.

Another flawed boxing

movie saved by its performances is *The Great White Hope*, based on Jack Johnson, a boxer nicknamed the "Galveston Giant." For some reason the names were changed for the movie but the story of Johnson's struggle with racism is brought to vivid life in a towering performance by James Earl Jones. A 2005 documentary *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson* revisited the story, correcting many of the mistakes of the original film.

*Somebody Up There Likes Me* stars Paul Newman (replacing James Dean who died before filming) as world middleweight champion Rocky Graziano.

Probably the greatest boxing bio is *Raging Bull*, the story of Jake "Come on, hit me. Harder. Harder" LaMotta, which earned Robert De Niro a Best Actor Oscar. But *Cinderella Man*, the inspiring true story of James J. Braddock and *Gentleman Jim* are also worth a look.

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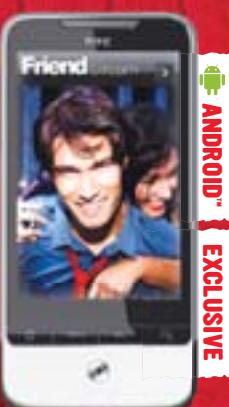
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# Rush worth a king's ransom

► Oscar-winner could be up for another for his work as the man who gives King George VI his voice back

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He won an Oscar for his portrayal of a mentally challenged piano virtuoso in *Shine*, was nominated for his role of libertine and pornographer Marquis De Sade in *Quills*, and again as a theatrical entrepreneur in *Shakespeare in Love*.

And once again Geoffrey Rush shows off his versatility along with his acting magic in *The King's Speech*, and rumour has it he'll be nominated again.

In *The King's Speech* he plays Lionel Logue, an Australian national living in London in the 1920's who, with no formal med-

**"The word sympathetic came up over and over again. ... There was a great deal of compassion in his work, and in his pastoral care, and in his bed side manner"**

GEOFFREY RUSH, ON LIONEL LOGUE

ical training, "cured" speech pathologies like stammering.

Logue's most famous patient was Albert, Duke of York who became King George VI (Colin Firth) after his brother King Edward VIII (Guy Pierce) abdicated to marry American divorcee Wallis Simp-



► Geoffrey Rush stars as Lionel Logue in *The King's Speech*.

son (Eve Best).

After humiliating himself on a national radio

broadcast and several failed attempts at speech therapy, Albert's wife,

who would become Queen Elizabeth (and later the Queen Mother), played by Helena Bonham Carter shows up at Logue's office begging for help.

Rush spoke to people who knew the real-life Logue to get a feel for the man.

"The word sympathetic came up over and over again, "He gave me a friend to talk to," says Rush. "There was a great deal of compassion in his work, and in his pastoral care, and in his bed side manner."

But Logue refused to be ruled by protocol and was

especially tough on the King.

"He had to push him into a place of slight danger and responsibility for his own well being. I'm not going to let you hide behind this stuff that we have to meet this head on, until you are confident enough to speak," he said.

"There comes the breakthrough when a kind of anger takes you and you say, 'I need to be heard, I need you to listen to me because all my life I've been needing to be heard.' And once that happens, the stammer disappears very quickly."

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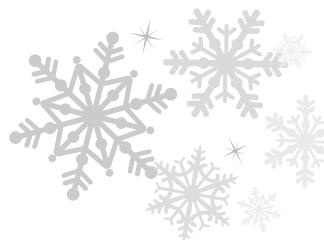
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# So Sue me: Lynch gets into character



**TIFFANY ROSE**  
METRO WORLD NEWS,  
HOLLYWOOD

Actress/comedian Jane Lynch still can't believe she has an Emmy for her role as the brutally honest, back talking, Sue Sylvester in the Fox musical comedy Glee.

Metro sat down with Lynch to find out what makes Sue Sylvester really tick.

#### What do you have in common with your character?

That warrior attitude of being as tough as you can so no one can get to that squishy centre inside. I have an aggressive part of me. I didn't have to dig too deep to find her. I think

she's an exaggeration of me. It's that part, "You will not get the better of me!" I love that about Sue.

#### Sue is a bit of a bully, but what was your own high school experience like?

In high school I played the safe path. In schools in the States there's a really strong hierarchy and I instinctively kept myself under the radar. I had a group of girlfriends who were Pom Pom girls and cheerleaders and some were math nerds, but we all kind of hung together. Then I would go off and sing in the choir and perform in plays, so I did what I wanted to do but I also hung out with the cool kids.

#### Do you identify with anyone in the cast?

I identify with Jenna who plays Tina, because she's kind of in the background. She doesn't make waves and people don't really know how talented she is until she starts to sing.

#### How many tracksuits does Sue own? And are you going to launch your own line?

(Laughs) I'm not going to start designing my own line of tracksuits, although I think that would be a good idea. Note to self! I have about 20 now and they are always making more. The wardrobe stylist would come up to me and ask, "What about this colour tracksuit with this piping?" And I say either yes or no. We have two styles: the one with the high neck and then the crew neck with the zips. I love wearing them, because you are basically getting back into your pajamas when you go to work.

#### Does your wardrobe help make the character?

Yes, it's like armour for her. She fancies herself a soldier, a warrior type. She knows what works and people fear it.

#### Who were your influences growing up?

Carol Burnett. She was a dream come true to work with. I would watch her on Saturday nights. At the time we didn't have VCRs — it was back in the Stone Age and I would place my little tape recorder up against the television and my brother and I would listen to it play over and over again. She looked like she was having so much fun.



► Actress Jane Lynch began her career in sketch comedy, touring with Chicago's Second City.



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# Boreanaz breathes life into Bones



**What is happening with the relationship between Booth and Brennan in this season?**

David Boreanaz shot to overnight fame playing a vampire on the supernatural series Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

In 2005 he landed the coveted role of Special Agent Seeley Booth in the dramedy Bones.

Each episode focuses on an FBI case file concerning the mystery behind human remains, which are looked under the microscopic eye of forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance 'Bones' Brennan (Emily Deschanel).

Fans are still hopeful that the flirtatious leading actors may actually get together one day!

Metro chats to David Boreanaz on the Fox lot where Bones is shot.



► David Boreanaz

structive way with Brennan in the future.

**What do you attribute to the success of the show now that it has reached season 6?**

Booth really gave his heart to Brennan on the steps in the last season and she felt like she wasn't ready for the next move. So all he can do is to continue to go forward right? In the new season, you will see that he has to confront that himself again and find out why this is possibly happening to him. I think it adds for an interesting arc to Booth's character, because you don't get a chance to dive into his head too much. But you will definitely get a good glimpse of how he thinks in the upcoming episodes. I'm not saying that he has this dark side to him but he is little fed up with the situation and he wants to behave in a more con-

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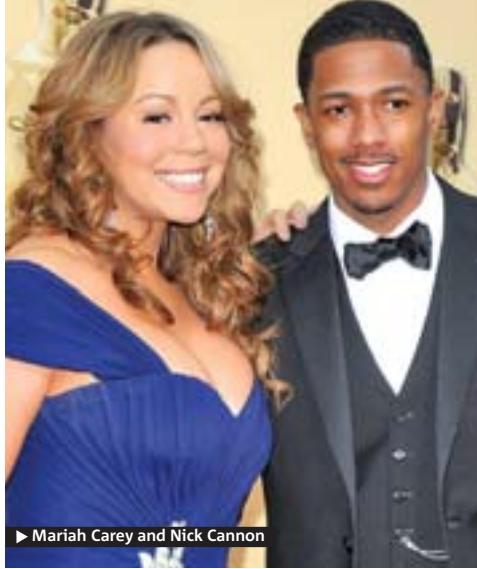
# Twins on the way for Mariah, Nick

Only two others knew Carey was expecting twins – the Obamas Singer suffered miscarriage in 2008

Nick Cannon has confirmed that his wife, Mariah Carey, is expecting twins, but the mother-to-be had apparently already told Barack and Michelle Obama.

"Until this morning, only four people knew this wonderful news: Nick, Mariah the president of the United States and his wife. Talk about classified information," a statement on Cannon's website reads, explaining that they saw the Obamas' at the taping of a Washington Christmas special.

"While at the event, the president and first lady inquired about Mariah's pregnancy. Caught up in the emotion, Mariah made the first people she revealed the news of her twins to Barack and Michelle Obama." **METRO**



► Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon

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**Mandy Moore**  
[@TheMandyMoore] you

know it's a raucous saturday night when you're in bed watching "the knife show" @ 9pm.



**Katy Perry**  
[@katy\_perry] Tonight's message: water the root, enjoy the fruit!



**Michael Sheen**  
[@michael\_sheen] Used the phrase "rectal quiver" which I believe is a first.



**Kelly Osbourne**  
[@MissKellyO] Sitting in the airport and it's bloody boiling I can't believe I am only going to LA for 12 hours. at least I get to see my mum and dad!!!



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- Our expert breaks down the essentials that are sure to impress you guests



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Cocktails can add a bit of flare to any party. Even if your mixology skills are lacking, sticking with straight forward favourites like the martini and Bloody Caesar — which

don't take much dexterity behind the bar to create — or simple two component combinations like gin with tonic and rum with Coke, will give your gathering a lounge vibe, without too much effort or talent required.

Vodka (this season's hottest and most versatile spirit) is a must for any home bar, as is Canadian whisky, gin and rum.

If you're like me and Christmas isn't complete without at least one glass of eggnog, consider having a bottle of spiced rum on hand. Nothing enhances all that creamy goodness better than the exotic flavours spiced rum brings

to the mix.

Liqueurs are always a treat this time of year either on their own, combined in a mixed drink or added to coffee.

Unless you're going to go all Tom Cruise with your cocktail selection, you actually won't need much more than the big three: Grand Marnier (cognac and orange), Kahlúa (rum and coffee) and Baileys (Irish whiskey and cream).

When it comes to beer, keep things simple by offering a mainstream, lager-style brew from Canada along with one of the many light beers that are available.

If you know you've got a few beer aficionados on your guest list, you might consider chilling a few individual bottles of U.K. ale and European lager.

And then there's the wine. For a larger group, it's best to select wines that are medium-bodied, fruit-forward and easy-drinking to appeal to the broadest number of palates.

White wines made from riesling, sauvignon blanc and chardonnay from Australia, Chile and California are reliable crowd pleasers.

As are red wines made from merlot, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon pro-

duced in the same countries.

Don't spend a bundle on a bottle. As a general rule, the more you spend, the fuller and richer the wine will be.

You want to keep things balanced so reach for a mid-priced wine.

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